Overview of 2023 General Assembly Session

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2023 Session

• With divided government, relatively few major initiatives
  • SCC oversight of utility fees
  • Realignment of state workforce efforts

• No overall agreement on budget

• Many senior legislators retiring

• Relatively little focus on transportation issues
Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund

• Existing fund for transportation aspects of economic development

• HB 2302 and SB 1106 allow also to be used to enhance economic development opportunities of Virginia transportation programs
Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund

• As originally proposed, bills would have required Governor to allocate $100 million every year for TPOF. This would have reduced money otherwise available in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund.
  • This provision was deleted in the approved bills
  • Amount to be allocated to the fund will be decided by legislature as part of the budget

• As originally proposed, TPOF would have been controlled by the Governor.
  • This provision was amended to require MEI Commission approval of project > $35 million and disclosure of smaller projects